

Friends,

April 30, 2015

At the Governor & Executive Council meeting last week we approved contracts for over 420 miles in repaving/resurfacing of state roads – still short of the roughly 500 miles/year typically needed to maintain roads in our state. Additional needed projects beyond those passed last week will depend on how the ongoing state budget process is resolved.

In the district I represent, approved projects included parts of:

IN CENTRAL NH

- Rt 114 in Henniker
- NH103 in Warner
- Harris Hill/Tremont St in Boscaawen
- I-93 from mile 36 – 36.8 in Concord
- NH-127 & North Rd in Franklin
- NH-127 in Salisbury
- NH-114 in Sutton-New London
- NH-140 in Gilmanton

IN THE MONADNOCK REGION

- NH-101 in Marlborough
- NH-11 in Charlestown
- NH-12 in Walpole
- Hill Rd in Acworth
- NH-12A in Surry-Alstead

IN STRAFFORD COUNTY

- NH-125 in Rochester-Milton
- Roberts Rd in Rollinsford
- NH 153 & NH 75 in Farmington
- Spaulding Turnpike Exit 8 ramps in Dover

(links to maps below)

The Council also approved 88 agenda items and rejected one (by a vote of 3-2) for statewide janitorial supplies. Councilors voting against the measure expressed concern that the low prices offered by the vendor (WB Mason) would be unfair competition to a local business which had previously held the contract; I voted in favor because the new contract would have saved the state roughly \$750,000/year – funds sorely needed in a very tight state budget. Also, the prior week's tabled item (accepting the donation of a trip for buying wine for the NH Liquor Commission) was approved after the Commission adopted a new policy I requested governing such trips.

Other projects approved last week, by region, included:

- **In Central NH:** Federally-funded services to abused, neglected or delinquent youth through Merrimack Valley Day Care, NFI North, Pine Haven Boys Center, and Spaulding Youth Center; prenatal services through Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program; state lab & pathology services from Concord Hospital; various road resurfacing (see list above); and construction & drainage easements to allow reconstruction of the Sewalls Falls Bridge in Concord.

- **In the Monadnock region:** Various road resurfacing (see list above); stream restoration work on Falls Brook in Swanzey; and shoreline work on Lake Nabanusit in Nelson.
- **In Strafford Co:** Various road resurfacing (see list above); New England Cottontail Habitat restoration work at Strafford County Farms; and construction of a new \$5mm Turnpike maintenance facility in Rochester.
- **Statewide Issues:** Extended project length (at no cost) for educating the public about the NH Health Protection plan; renewed a contract for employment & training services; public health strategic planning and rural health clinic projects; rejected a contract for janitorial services (see above); and accepted an online report of all state contracts in the prior quarter which were too small to merit Council review individually.
- **Appointments & Confirmations:** The Council confirmed Vicki Quiram as the new Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services; Kevin O'Brien as the new Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Safety; eight other confirmations; and heard fourteen nominations by Governor Hassan for a confirmation vote at our next meeting.

The Governor & Council will next meet on May 6. As always, please send any questions, comments or ideas my way.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 4/22 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#13](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 31, 2015, to provide Title I services to abused, neglected or delinquent youth in an amount not to exceed \$475,463.93. Effective **retroactive** to September 25, 2014 through August 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#18](#) Authorized a renewal option and amend a contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 5-15-13, item #46), to provide prenatal services, by increasing the price by \$100,000 from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and by extending the end date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2017. **48% Federal, 52% General Funds.**

[#22](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with Concord Hospital Inc., Concord, NH, for the provision of Laboratory and Pathology Services and Employee Health Services in the amount not to exceed \$645,000. Effective January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **42% Other (Medicare, Medicaid & third party insurance), 27% General, 31% Federal Funds.**

[#34](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 59 miles in District V in Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$3,498,367. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$174,918.35 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **67% Betterment, 33% Agency Income Funds.**

[#36](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 30 miles in District III in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,870,040.50. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$243,502.03 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **100% Betterment Funds.**

[#37](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 87 miles in District II in Belknap, Grafton Merrimack and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,332,120. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$216,606 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **100% Betterment Funds.**

[#41](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 7.5 miles of mainline and ramps on the F. E Everett Turnpike in the Cities of Concord and Nashua, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,127,229.25. Effective upon G&C approval through September 11, 2015. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[#41A](#) Authorized the Executive Director of the Department of Fish and Game to sign for the State of NH a deed conveying a perpetual drainage and slope easement totaling 0.22 acres, and a temporary construction easement, totaling 0.22 acres on property acquired by the State of NH under the Land Conservation Investment Program, to the City of Concord for reconstruction of the Seawalls Falls Bridge for the sum of \$500 deposited in to the LCIP endowment fund.

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#38](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 63 miles in District IV in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,021,478. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$201,073.90 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **71% Betterment, 29% Agency Income Funds.**

[#60](#) Authorized to award an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund grant to the Cheshire County Conservation District, in the amount of \$115,000 to conduct stream restoration work through removal of an undersized roadway culvert within Falls Brook in Swanzey. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2017. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

[#65](#) Authorized Flying Loon Farm Realty Trust's request to perform work on Lake Nubanusit in Nelson.

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#35](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 56 miles in District VI in Merrimack, Rockingham and Strafford Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$3,470,663.50. (2) Further authorized a contingency in the amount of \$173,533.18 for payment of latent conditions, which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through October 2, 2015. **66% Betterment, 34% Agency Income Funds.**

[#40](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 12.8 miles of mainline and ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in the City of Dover, Rochester, Portsmouth and Hampton, on the basis of a low bid of \$3,140,859.15. Effective upon G&C approval through September 11, 2015. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[#48](#) Authorized the NH State Conservation Committee to enter into a grant with Strafford County Conservation District, Dover, NH, in the amount of \$10,000 for the New England Cottontail Habitat Restoration at Strafford County Farms in the city of Dover, Strafford County. Effective upon G&C approval through April 30, 2017. **100% Other Funds – State Conservation Committee.**

[#88](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with North Branch Construction, Concord, NH, for the Turnpike Maintenance Facility, Rochester, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$4,997,000. (2) Further authorized the amount of \$120,660 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$5,117,660. Effective upon G&C approval through May 27, 2016. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#A.](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with Louis Karno & Company LLC, (originally approved by G&C on 5-8-14, item #31B), for the provision of professional services to assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive information and education plan to support knowledge and compliance with the NH Health Protection, by extending the completion date from August 31, 2015 to February 29, 2016, with no change in the price limitation of \$913,550. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds.**

[#14](#) Authorized to exercise a renewal option to an existing agreement with Southern NH Services Inc., Manchester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5-1-13, item #37B), for the provision of staffing, employment and training services, by increasing the price by \$8,972,534.28 from \$9,304,228.96 to \$18,276,763.24, and by extending the completion date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2017. **75% Federal, 25% General Funds.**

[#17](#) Authorized an amendment to an agreement with JSI Research & Training Institute Inc., d/b/a Community Health Institute, Bow, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7-10-13, item #40), to provide a broad range of programmatic support services across a number of public health programs to include public health strategic planning, needs assessment, training and technical assistance; and implementation of health communications campaigns, by increasing the price by \$119,000 from \$1,604,798 to \$1,723,798. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **94% Federal, 6% General Funds.**

[#19](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with JSI Research & Training Institute Inc., d/b/a Community Health Institute, Bow, NH, to develop a multi-year Technical Assistance Network for NH Rural Health Clinics, in an amount not to exceed \$217,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#80](#) **FAILED** the Division of Plant and Property Management to enter into a contract with W.B. Mason Co Inc., Brockton, MA, for janitorial supplies, in the amount of \$4,950,000. Effective July 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018, with the option to extend for one additional term of two years.

[#87](#) Authorized to accept and place on file the report containing a list of vendors that agencies have contracted with for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics

Christine M. Infantine, Manchester, NH

Dental Hygienists Committee of the Board of Dental Examiners

Mary Duquette, Hopkinton, NH*

Family Mediator Certification Board

Peter D. Goldsmith, Mason, NH

Genetic Counselors Governing Board

Katarzyna J. Bloch, Lebanon, NH

Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology

Denis C. Goulet, Manchester, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Frank Lemay, Chichester, NH

Board of Medicine

John H. Wheeler, Bow, NH*

Motor Vehicle Industry Board

David G. Allen, Londonderry, NH

Board of Nursing

Beth A. Fersch, Milford, NH

Advisory Board on Private Investigative Agencies and Security Services

Vincent A. Baiocchetti, Gilman Iron Works, NH

Public Employee Labor Relations Board

Carol M. Granfield, Meredith, NH

State Radiation Advisory Committee

Charles G. Leutzinger, Wilton, NH

Real Estate Commission

John G. Cronin, Manchester, NH

Board of Veterinary Medicine

Sonnya Dennis, Newfields, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Vicki V. Quiram, Bedford, NH as Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services
Earle Chase, Center Barnstead, NH to the State Conservation Committee *
Michael J. Wimsatt, Concord, NH as the Director of the Division of Waste Management at the
Department of Environmental Services *
Colin O'Brien, Amherst, NH to the Medical Review Subcommittee
Michael Barr, Nashua, NH to the Board of Medicine
Quentin R. Estey, Peterborough, NH to the Advisory Board on Private Investigative Agencies
and Security Services
Kevin P. O'Brien, Concord, NH as the Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Safety *
Clare J. Chapman, Shelburne Falls, MA to the Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors
Christine Williams, Bedford, NH to the Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors
Captain Natalie Jean Friedenthal, Concord, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Air
National Guard.

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